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1. An about 250-foot parachute tower was located on the airfield near TULA (37°37' E/54°12' N). The Parachute School No 16 or No 19, stationed in the town, practiced there daily. This unit also did parachuting from twin-engine aircraft, a duplicate of the Douglas. These aircraft were frequently seen towing cargo gliders.
2. The paratroopers wore uniforms with light blue-bordered, black epaulets and parachute insignia (parachute with wings) on their right sleeve.
3. The unit stationed at the airfield wore blue uniforms with white-bordered, light blue epaulets and caps with the Soviet star emblem and four-bladed propeller insignia.

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The observation was probably made at the airfield north of TULA. The statements confirm the previously reported training of paratroopers at the field. The numerical designation of the parachute school (16 or 19 ?) has not been confirmed. The statements on epaulets and pipings do not indicate the size of the unit concerned. The combination of light blue-bordered black epaulets has not been known before. Parachute- (see light blue pipings and parachute insignia) artillery (see black epaulets) may be concerned. The unit with light blue epaulets is believed to be an air transport unit.

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